







NIGHTMARE  
APPROXIMELY  
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...WHAT'S  
"CHOSHU"?



IS TO CAPTURE  
A CHOSHU  
BIG-SHOT  
WHO HAS  
COME INTO  
KYOTO



OUR  
MISSION  
TONIGHT



WHERE  
DO I EVEN  
START?

UM...  
WELL...

JUST  
TELL ME  
EVERYTHING



W...WHAT'S  
SHOCKING WITH  
THAT?

CAN'T  
YOU JUST SAY  
WHAT YOU  
WANT TO SAY  
AND  
FORGET THE  
SHOCKING?



THESE  
ARMIES  
IS TO EXTER-  
MINATE  
FROM THE  
COUNTRY AND  
FURNISH  
COURTESY OF THE  
SHOGUNATE

UNDER  
THE BANNER  
OF "DEFEND  
THE SHOGUN  
KING THE  
SHOGUNATE"

IT IS OUR  
DUTY AS THE  
SHOGUNATE  
TO PROTECT THIS  
CAPITAL CITY FROM  
SUCH LOW-LIFE  
BUFFONS...

YASUJIRI-  
SAN!



AND THEN ON  
THE OTHER SIDE  
ARE THE CHOSHU  
WHO OPPOSE THE  
SHOGUNATE AND  
WANT TO BRING  
THE SHOGUN TO  
END OF A NEW ONE  
WITH THEMSELVES  
AT ITS CENTER

ON THE ONE  
SIDE THERE'S US,  
SUPPORTERS OF  
THE TOKUGAWA  
SHOGUNATE

THE  
COUNTRY  
IS CURRENTLY  
DIVIDED INTO  
TWO MAJOR  
POWERS

WELL,  
FIRST OF  
ALL...

CHOSHU  
DOWN

YOSH!



TO  
THE  
SHOGUNATE

TO  
THE  
SHOGUNATE









"THE BEAST  
BLADE."



SINCE  
THEY USE THE  
SAME POWER THAT  
BOTH YOU AND  
I HAVE.



ALRIGHT,  
WE'VE  
ARRIVED!

THE CHOSHU  
ARE HERE.



RIGHT  
HERE.



YOU  
DO HAVE  
ONE.



I  
DON'T HAVE  
ANYTHING  
LIKE

WHY  
WOULD DO  
YOU CALL  
IT "BEAST  
BLADE"?



THE  
CURSED  
BLADES.

ELEVEN  
YEARS AGO.

THEY  
ARRIVED IN  
THIS COUNTRY  
ALONG WITH  
THE BLACK  
SHIPS...



AND  
ACCEPT THE  
BLADE.

THOSE  
WHO PIERCE  
THEIR BODY

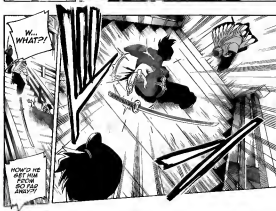
GAIN A  
TERRIBLE  
BEASTLY  
POWER.













THE BEAST  
HE HOUSES  
IS

SHINSENGUMI  
FIRST UNIT  
CAPTAIN  
OKITA SOUJI

THE  
"CAT."

POSSESSES  
TWICE THE  
TEMPORAL  
AND VISUAL  
ACUITY OF  
HUMANS.



THE  
BEAST  
KNOWN  
AS THE  
CAT

AND BECOME  
Able TO STATIC  
IMAGES.



EVERYTHING  
REFLECTED IN  
THEIR EYES IS  
SQUEEZED UP  
INTO INDIVIDUAL  
MOMENTS

WAS  
COMBINED  
WITH A  
SWORD THAT  
HAD BEEN  
SPECIALLY  
CRAFTED FOR  
ONITA.

THIS CAT-LIKE  
POWER, ALONG  
WITH ONITA'S  
PRODIGIOUS  
SKILL WITH  
THE SWORD,



A DOUBLE-EDGED  
BLADE WITH A HILT  
EXTENDED TO  
THREE-TIMES THE  
NORMAL LENGTH, A  
"KORO-ICHIMONJI."

ALL THIS  
COMBINED TO  
GIVE BIRTH TO  
A LUNGING  
TECHNIQUE  
THAT COVERED  
DISTANCES AT  
LIGHTNING  
SPEED,





**'TIME  
STAB'**



**AH!**



**THIS IS  
HOW YOU  
USE A  
BEAST  
POWER.**





LIKE I  
THOUGHT,  
THAT KID'S  
REALLY  
INTERESTING



WE'VE  
FOUND YOU,  
AND, CHYOMMY  
BRAD



IF YOU  
RESIST,  
WE WILL  
NOT  
HESITATE

FREEZE  
...

TO  
KILL...!!

ATTENTION  
BEAT TO CENTER!!





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